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Notice of Amended Selection of Remedy

for

Wortham Lead Salvage

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March 10, 1995

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Public Notice

The Executive Director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has issued a public notice of the amended selection of a remedy for a State Superfund Site which constitutes an imminent and substantial endangerment due to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment. The notice was published in the Athens Daily Review on Wednesday, March 1, 1995. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) sec.335.349(a), concerning requirements for the remedial action under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 361, sec.187, and the Solid Waste Disposal Act as Amended by Senate Bill 43, Sixth Called Session 1990, concerning the proposed remedial action, a public meeting regarding the proposed remedy for the Wortham Lead Salvage Site must be held 45 days after publishing a notice in the Texas Register and a local newspaper. The public meeting is scheduled at the Mabank Chamber of Commerce Hall, 131 East Market Street, Mabank, Texas on April 25, 1995, at 7:00 p.m.

The site for which a remedy has been selected is the Wortham Lead Salvage Site that was originally placed on the State Superfund list on January 16, 1987, issue of the Texas Register (12 TexReg 205). Wortham Lead Salvage is located approximately 100 miles southeast of Dallas, in the northwest portion of Henderson County. The site is located between Mabank and Eustace along U.S. Highway 175. The Wortham Lead Salvage Site was a lead salvaging operation that caused lead contamination in the surrounding soils. A remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of the contamination was completed on February 6, 1991. The results indicated that lead contamination exists at the site at levels which may threaten human health and the environment. A baseline risk assessment concluded that further action was needed to eliminate any potential imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment from lead contamination at the site. Following approval of the baseline risk assessment, a feasibility study (FS) report was submitted and reviewed. The FS report screened and evaluated technologies that could be used to remediate the Wortham Lead Salvage Site. The FS report developed five alternatives, with soil washing being the preferred waste treatment choice. Soil Washing was finalized as the site remedial alternative after the public meeting held in Athens, Texas on August 18, 1992. Further collection and analysis of information collected from the Wortham Lead Salvage Site since August 18, 1992 has indicated that soil washing is no longer a preferred remedial alternative for the site. The FS report alternatives were re-evaluated in light of the additional site information and a sixth alternative was developed and evaluated. The amended site remedy will use a combination of lead separation, lead recycling, and offsite disposal waste management technologies.

The public meeting will be legislative in nature and not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act (the Government Code, Chapter 2001).

Persons desiring to make comments on the proposed remedial action may do so prior to the public meeting. All comments concerning the remedial action selected should be submitted at least ten days prior to the public meeting to Trey Collins, Project Manager, Superfund Engineering Section, MC 144, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

The public records for this site are available for public review during regular business hours at the Henderson County Public Library, 121 South Prairieville, Athens, Texas 75751, (903) 675-1717, or at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 12118 North Interstate Highway 35, Building D, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-2927. Copying of file information is subject to payment of a fee.

For further information, please call our toll free number at 1-800-633-9363.

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